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THE DOUGHNUT. — Mr. Charles Peabody is desirous of obtaining the information outlined in the following *questionnaire* : —

1. Have you in your family any special traditions, usages, or recipes concerned with

doughnuts
gingernuts
crullers
crumpets
jumbles
pancakes
apees
olykoeks
cookies
pretzels?

2. Can you suggest any additional names of such esculent objects?

3. At what meal, or on what day, season, feast, fast, etc., were particular cakes or doughnuts eaten with you?

4. What shapes were doughnuts, etc., wont to assume among your acquaintance?

5. Did any of the doughnuts and cookies have salt, seeds, or other seasoning sprinkled on top?

6. What special part did the children play with regard to cooking or eating these things?

Charles Peabody.

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Answers may be sent to the Editor of this Journal or direct to Mr. Peabody.

LOCAL MEETINGS AND OTHER NOTICES.

BOSTON. — *Thursday, March 23.* The regular meeting of the Boston Branch was held at 8 p. m. at Faeltens Hall, Huntington Chambers. Prof. F. W. Putnam presided, and introduced Mr. George H. Pepper of the American Museum of Natural History, New York, whose subject was "The Navajo Blanket, its Weaving, its Symbolism and its Folk-Lore." Mr. Pepper gave a graphic account of the various steps in the making of a Navajo blanket, as he had witnessed the process in the Southwest. Each step was illustrated by fine lantern slides, with an explanation of the symbolism of the various types. To illustrate his subject still further, Mr. Pepper showed a number of fine blankets, some of them of great antiquity and value. The address drew out an audience of members and friends that filled the hall. Great interest was shown in the subject as presented by Mr. Pepper, and many lingered after the address to get answers to their special questions.

Tuesday, May 9. The annual meeting, postponed from April, was held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Shreve, 1755 Beacon Street. In the absence of Prof. Putnam, Mr. W. W. Newell presided, and after the reports of the last meeting were read and accepted, the annual reports of